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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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NAIROBI FOR RSO

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: SECURITY OF AMERICANS IN KIGOMA

1. KIDNAPPING LAST MAY OF FOUR STUDENTS FROM GOMBE RESEARCH STATION ON SHORE OF LAKE TANGANYIKA NEAR KIGOMA, BY INSURGENTS OPERATING FROM ZAIRE ACROSS LAKE, HAS LED TO CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AMONG AMERICANS AND OTHER FOREIGNERS LIVING IN KIGOMA THAT ZAIREN GUERRILLAS MAY BE TEMPTED TO REPEAT THE OPERATION. THERE ARE PRESENTLY A DOZEN AMERICANS NORMALLY RESIDENT IN KIGOMA, INCLUDING TWO MISSIONARY FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, ONE FAMILY WORKING FOR UN FISHERIES PROJECT, AND SEVERAL AMERICAN MEMBERS CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS IN AREA. THE EXISTENCE, EXACT LOCATION, AND STATUS OF SEVERAL OF THESE FAMILIES IS WELL KNOWN TO ZAIREN GUERRILLAS WHO CARRIED OUT THE MAY KIDNAPPING AND AT LEAST TWO FAMILIES ARE LOCATED NEAR WATER OUTSIDE THE PORT AREA. THE AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE ALSO GIVEN SUPPORT AND COOPERATION TO THE RESCUE EFFORTS MOUNTED BY THE FAMILIES OF THE KIDNAPPED STUDENTS, TO AN EXTENT FAR BEYOND ANY CALL OF DUTY, AND IN SOME CASES AT CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RISK.

2. FOR THIS REASON EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT AN EFFECTIVE EXPRESSION OF USG INTEREST IN ASSISTING THESE FAMILIES TO MAXIMIZE THEIR PHYSICAL SECURITY IS CALLED FOR, EVEN THOUGH IT GOES SOMEWHAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BEYOND SERVICES USUALLY PROVIDED PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZENS.

3. AS RESO IN NAIROBI AWARE, WE HAVE ALREADY REQUESTED CATALOGUES FROM HIM OF EQUIPMENT FOR SECURING RESIDENCES (FENCING, LIGHTING, ALARMS, ETC.) OF THE SORT USED IN PROTECTING USG RESIDENCES IN HAZARDOUS AREAS, SO THAT AMERICAN FAMILIES IN KIGOMA CAN UPGRADE THE SECURITY (AT PRESENT VIRTUALLY NIL) OF THEIR RESIDENCES BY ORDERING SUITABLE EQUIPMENT (AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE).

4. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF RSO COULD VISIT KIGOMA, EXAMINE THE RESIDENCES OF THE AMERICANS, AND ADVISE THEM ON POSSIBLE PRACTICABLE WAYS OF IMPROVING THEIR SECURITY. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING USEFUL ADVICE, SUCH A VISIT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE VALUABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT TO PEOPLE TO WHOM USG IS MORALLY INDEBTED. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT RSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS NEXT REGULAR TRIP TO BUJUMBURA TO FLY TO KIGOMA AND BACK ON THURSDAY AIR BURUNDI BUJUMBURA-KIGOMA ROUND-TRIP FLIGHT, WHICH LAYS OVER IN KIGOMA FOR SOME SIX HOURS.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.

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